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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

Please add the following new claims:

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14. An apparatus comprising:
- a first substrate;
 - a first signal trace disposed on a surface of the first substrate;
 - a connector coupled to the first signal trace; and
 - a first capacitor including:
 - a first capacitor electrode connected to a junction point between the connector and the first signal trace; and
 - a second capacitor electrode coupled to a node that is at a supply potential.
15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein one of the first and second capacitor electrodes comprises a conductive pad disposed on the surface of the first substrate.